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SUBJ: CCC RENOVATION, PROPERTY NO 01476

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I. POST RECEIVED THE DRAWINGS AND SPECIFICATIONS FOR THE CCC RENOVATIONS PROJECT AUGUST 14, 1975, AND HAS SOLICITED COST AND TIME ESTIMATES FROM THREE (3) LOCAL CONTRACTORS FOR FOLLOWING WORK:

A. ALL ROOF WORK AND MATERIALS

(SEE DRAWINGS NO. AA 359 SHEETS 5 AND 6).

1. REMOVE 25" RAISED PLATFORM SECTION OF ROOF AS REQUIRED (SEE SHEET 5) AND REPLACE REINFORCED CONCRETE ROOF AT SURROUNDING LEVEL.

RELOCATE ROOF WATER TANK TO SUITABLE ADJACENT AREA AND RECONSTRUCT TANK, HOOK-UP PIPING, VALVES, ETC., AS REQUIRED FOR TEMPORARY USE. REINSTALL WATER TANK TO ORIGINAL LOCATION AFTER CONSTRUCTION.

2. SUPPLY AND INSTALL ALL ROOF FEED-THROUGHS AS SHOWN ON DRAWING AA459 SHEET 5, INCLUDING ALL WEATHERHEADS, SLEEVES AND CAPS.

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B. INSTALL GROUND SYSTEM

(SEE DRAWING NO. DA-324 AND SPECIFICATIONS FOR ESTABLISHMENT OF EARTH GROUND)

1. PROVIDE AND PROPERLY INSTALL IN ACCORDANCE WITH SPECIFICATIONS ALL GROUND RODS, COUPLINGS, CLAMPS, TERRACOTTA TILE PIPES, COVER PLATES, 1" RIGID CONDUIT AND ALLIED FITTINGS, #2 AWG INSULATED WIRE AND ALL OTHER MATERIALS AND/OR EQUIPMENT REQUIRED TO SATISFACTORILY COMPLETE THE GROUND SYSTEM PROJECT IN ITS ENTIRETY.

C. WIRING OF GENERATOR ROOM UP TO AND INCLUDING THE MAIN POWER PANEL INSTALLATION IN ROOM NO 21

(SEE DRAWING NO. AA-359, SHEETS 1,2,4,5)

(SEE DRAWING NO. BA-360, SHEET 1, DETAIL DRAWING)

(SEE DRAWING NO. CA-343, SHEET 1, GENERATOR ROOM)

GFE

1. INSTALL GFE (GOVERNMENT FURNISHED EQUIPMENT) WITH MAIN POWER PANEL IN ROOM 21.

2. INSTALL MAIN FEEDER CONDUITS TO THE COMMUNICATIONS AREA AS SHOWN ON ABOVE DRAWINGS AS PROVIDED FOR IN THE SPECIFICATIONS.

3. INSTALL MAIN FEEDER WIRING FROM COMMERCIAL AND GENERATOR TO COMMUNICATIONS AREA.

4. SUPPLY AND INSTALL ALL CONDUITS IN GENERATOR ROOM AND TO THE COMMUNICATIONS AREA.

5. SUPPLY AND INSTALL ALL WIRING IN GENERATOR ROOM.

6. SUPPLY AND INSTALL ALL OUTLETS AND LIGHTING FIXTURES IN GENERATOR ROOM.

GFE 7. HOOK UP MAIN UNDERGROUND DIESEL TANK 1500 GALS.

GFE 8. INSTALL 50 GALS FUEL DAY TANK AND FUEL TRANSFER PUMPS.  
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GFE 9. INSTALL NO-FUSE DISCONNECT SWITCH.

GFE 10. INSTALL VOLTAGE REGULATOR.

GFE 11. INSTALL POWER CHANGE-OVER SWITCH.

GFE 12. INSTALL BATTERY TRICKLE CHARGER.

GFE 13. INSTALL POWER PANELS.

14. INSTALL GENERATOR EXHAUST PIPING AND RAIN CAP. EXHAUST PIPE TO TERMINATE HIGH ENOUGH OUTSIDE THE GENERATOR BUILDING TO PREVENT OBJECTS FROM BEING FORCED INTO EXHAUST SYSTEM AS DETERMINED BY GENERAL SERVICES OFFICER.

15. MAKE ALL HOLES OR OPENINGS REQUIRED IN ROOF OR WALLS FOR CONDUIT, WEATHERHEADS, SLEEVES FOR FEED-THRUS, AND REPAID BY USING CEMENT GROUTING AND PLASTER TO MAKE WEATHERTIGHT SEALS AS REQUIRED AND ACCEPTABLE TO THE GENERAL SERVICES OFFICER.

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16. GENERATOR BUILDING TO BE AS DESCRIBED BELOW, OR MODIFIED AS REQUIRED TO MEET FOLLOWING REQUIREMENTS:

(A) INSTALL TWO WINDOWS ON OPPOSITE OR RIGHT ANGLE WALLS FOR AIR INTAKE AND EXHAUST OF GENERATOR. WINDOWS ARE TO BE APPROXIMATELY 3 FT. SQUARE AND HAVE 5/8 INCH STEEL RODS INSTALLED AT 5 INCHES ON CENTERS BOTH WAYS FORMING A GRID AND WELDED AT THE INTERSECTIONS, AND TO BE IMBEDDED INTO THE SURROUNDING CONCRETE A MINIMUM OF 3 INCHES WITH BENT TIPS (90 DEGREES). ON THE INSIDE INSTALL BUG SCREEN. ON THE OUTSIDE PROTECT WITH METAL LOUVERS 3 FEET X 3 INCHES (3/16 INCH THICK) WITH ONE INCH OVERLAP AT 45 DEGREE ANGLE, VERTICALLY BRACED AT THE CENTER SO LOUVERS ARE RIGID.

(B) GENERATOR ROOM DOOR SHALL BE HEAVY METAL MINIMUM OF 3/16 INCH WITH WELDED HINGES AND BE EQUIPPED WITH DEAD BOLTS AND S&G 8400 LOCK. AN OPENING CLEARANCE OF 40 INCHES MINIMUM WIDTH IS TO BE PROVIDED. DOOR MUST OPEN OUT.

(C) INSTALL AND CONNECT DIESEL GENERATOR.

NOTE: GENERATOR TO SUPPLY 50 KVA, 220/380 V., 3 PHASE, 4 WIRE, 50 HZ POWER.

D. MANUFACTURE 5 PROTECTIVE STEEL GRILLS FOR WINDOW TYPE A/C UNITS  
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(SEE DRAWING NO. BA-360 "TYPICAL DETAIL DRAWINGS").

1. MANUFACTURE 5 EACH STEEL BASE UNITS TO SUPPORT A/C UNITS IN WALL OPENINGS AND INSTALL AS REQUIRED.

2. MANUFACTURE 5 EACH WINDOW A/C GRILLS AS DETAILED ON ABOVE DRAWING AND INSTALL BY IMBEDDING INTO SURROUNDING MASONRY AS SHOWN ON DRAWINGS.

3. MANUFACTURE 5 EACH SUN DEFLECTORS OF GALVANIZED SHEET METAL AS SHOWN IN ABOVE DRAWING AND INSTALL SECURITY.

4. SUPPLY AND INSTALL 3/4" GALVANIZED PIPE DRAINS FROM FIVE (5) WINDOW TYPE AIR CONDITIONERS TO EVACUATE CONDENSATE TO GROUND LEVEL OR TO AVAILABLE DRAIN SYSTEM. THE 3/4" PIPE DRAIN TO INCLUDE A TRAP AND ALL REQUIRED FITTINGS, AND TO BE SECURITY AFFIXED TO THE CHANCERY FACADE, PREFERABLY ALONG PROJECTIONS OR CORNICES.

E. CONSTRUCTION AND MATERIALS HANDLING

1. RENT OR LEASE AND INSTALL A POWER LIFT OF 1,000 KILOGRAMS CAPACITY TO FACILITATE TRANSPORTING OF MATERIALS AND EQUIPMENT FROM GROUND TO SECOND FLOOR OF EMBASSY AND VICE VERSA, DURING CONSTRUCTION PROCESS FOR APPROXIMATELY 4 MONTHS PERIOD.

2. SUPPLY REQUIRED BUILDING MATERIALS INCLUDING 2 EACH 4" X 12" STEEL 1-BEAMS, 1/2 INCH STEEL BEARING PLATES, BRICKS, SAND, CEMENT, GRAVEL, HYDRATED LIME, REQUIRED REINFORCING STEEL BARS, LUMBER, PLYWOOD, SCAFFOLDING, PAINT, VARNICH, LAQUER, PAINT, THINNER, HARDWARE, AND OTHER SMALL STUFF ITEMS REQUIRED FOR PROJECT.

ABOVE MATERIALS AND EQUIPMENT NEEDED FOR THE FOLLOWING JOBS:

A. INSTALLATION OF 1-BEAM IN WALL BETWEEN ROOMS NO 23  
AND 31 IN MAIN HEARING WALL. SIZE OF 1-BEAM TO BE  
4" X 12" X 17'0".

B. INSTALLATION OF 1-BEAM IN WALL BETWEEN ROOMS NO 23  
AND 24 IN MAIN HEARING WALL. SIZE OF 1-BEAM TO BE  
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4" X 10" X 14'0".

C. BRICK UP FOLLOWING WINDOWS AND DOOR OPENINGS, 10 INCHES  
THICK, DOUBLE BRICK COURSES AND PLASTER TWO SIDES.

- (1) 1.50 X 5.0 METERS (STAIR WELL)
- (2) 1.50 X 4.50 METERS (STAIR WELL)
- (3) 1.50 X 2.10 METERS (DATT)
- (4) 1.50 X 1.50 METERS (CCC)
- (5) 1.50 X 1.50 METERS (CCC)
- (6) 1.50 X 1.50 METERS (CCC)
- (7) 1.50 X 1.50 METERS (CCC)
- (8) 1.50 X 1.50 METERS (CCC)
- (9) 1.50 X 1.50 METERS (CCC)
- (10) 0.60 X 1.50 METERS (CCC)
- (11) 1.00 X 1.50 METERS (CCC)
- (12) 0.60 X 0.60 METERS (CCC)

D. ADD NEW INTERIOR BRICK WALL (RM 33) 2.0 X 2.5 METERS.

E. INSTALL CONCRETE FLOOR (RM 25)  
(A) 0.60 X 1.50 X 0.15 METERS  
(B) 0.60 X 1.00 X 0.15 METERS

F. MANUFACTURE INTERIOR CONDUIT WALL OPENING GRILLS OF HEAVY  
WEIGHT EXPANDED METAL (REFERENCE DRAWING NO. BA-360 DETAIL B)

G. CONTRACTOR TO PROVIDE LABOR TO ASSIST WITH MATERIALS HAND-  
LING OF EQUIPMENT, VAULT DOOR, AIR CONDITIONING UNITS, 74  
SHEET STEEL PLATES, ALL BUILDING MATERIALS, ETC. FOR  
DURATION OF PROJECT.

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#### F. SERVICE WINDOW AND SOLID WOOD DOORS

1. CONSTRUCT A SERVICE WINDOW 24 INCHES HIGH, 18 INCHES WIDE, 42 INCHES FROM FLOOR TO SHELF. SHELF TO BE MOUNTED IN WALL AT BOTTOM OF 24 INCH OPENING AND PROTRUDE NO MORE THAN 4 INCHES ON EITHER SIDE OF WALL OPENING. THERE SHALL BE GRILL CAGE. WINDOW OPENING SHALL BE ENCLOSED WITH 5/8 INCH IRON BARS, 5 INCHES ON CENTER BOTH WAYS AND WELDED AT INTERSECTIONS. A WOODEN DOOR, OPENING INTO THE CONTROLLED AREA WITH HINGES AND DEAD BOLT LATCH ON INSIDE SHALL BE INSTALLED IN THE SERVICE WINDOW.

2. CONSTRUCT TWO (2) EACH 50 MM (2INCH) SOLID WOOD DOORS, 915MM (30 INCH) WIDE, 2,025 MM (6 FT. 10 INCHES) HIGH, WITH INSIDE HINGES. DOORS TO BE EQUIPED WITH SPECIAL LOCKS TO BE INSTALLED BY CB'S. INSTALL AT D-2 AND D5 POSITIONS (SEE DRAWING AA-359 SHEET 1.)

II. STUDY OF PACKAGE DRAWINGS AND SPECIFICATIONS SHOWS NEBULOUS DELINEATION OF THOSE PORTIONS OF WORK TO BE ACCOMPLISHED BY LOCAL CONTRACTOR VICE THE STATE CB TEAM. REQUEST FBO & OC/L REVIEW DELINEATION TO DOUBLE CHECK BREAKDOWN FOR PERFORMANCE LOCAL CONTRACTOR AND INFORM POSSIBILITY OF ANY DISAGREEMENT.

III. TWO (2) CONTRACTORS REFUSED TO BID DUE SMALL SCOPE OF WORK. THIRD CONTRACTOR PROMISED TO FURNISH ESTIMATE 7 WEEKS AGO, AND FINALLY DELIVERED THE FOLLOWING ESTIMATE 7 NOVEMBER:

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A. COST OF ITEM A AS PRESCRIBED IN YOUR SPECIFICATIONS IS LS 50000.00 (\$13,700)

B. COST OF ITEM B AS PRESCRIBED IN YOUR SPECIFICATIONS IS 20000.00 (\$5,480)

C. COST OF ITEM C AS PRESCRIBED IN YOUR  
SPECIFICATIONS IS 50000.00 (\$13,700)

D. COST OF ITEM D AS PRESCRIBED IN YOUR  
SPECIFICATIONS IS 20000.00 (\$5,480)

E. COST OF ITEM E AS PRESCRIBED IN YOUR  
SPECIFICATIONS IS 50000.00 (\$13,700)

F. COST OF ITEM F AS PRESCRIBED IN YOUR  
SPECIFICATIONS IS 10000.00 (\$3,650)

ONLY TWO HUNDRED THOUSAND SYRIAN TOTAL 200,000.00 (\$55,710)  
POUNDS

OFFER IS ESTIMATED ON THE BASIS OF A 4-MONTH PERIOD.

(SIGNED)

(BOURHAN TAYARA, ARCHITECT)

THE EXPERIENCE WE HAVE GAINED DURING PAST YEAR IN RENOVAT-  
ING THE AMBASSADOR'S OFFICE, ENCLOSING PORCHES, AND REPAIRING  
RESIDENCE MUSIC ROOM AFTER DEMO PROJECT, HAS CONVINCED POST THAT  
FEW CONTRACTORS WILLING TO BID ON SMALL PROJECTS SUCH AS CCC AND  
THAT CONTRACTORS ARE UNRELIABLE AND INCOMPETENT. THEY UTILIZE  
UNSKILLED CASUAL LABOR WHOSE WORK IS UNSUPERVISED AND SLIPSHOD.  
THEY WORK INDEPENDENTLY AT THEIR OWN SPEED AND ARRIVE AND LEAVE  
ON THEIR OWN SCHEDULE WHICH COMPLICATED PROVIDING ESCORTS AND  
SUPERVISING THEM IN RESTRICTED AREAS.

IV. IN VIEW ABOVE POST RECOMMENDS THAT CB TEAM HANDLE THE  
ENTIRE CCC RENOVATION PROJECT USING LOCAL LABOR TO ASSIST  
AND SUPPLEMENT THEIR REQUIREMENTS AS NEEDED. USING A CB  
TEAM WOULD EXPEDITE AND ASSURE FIRST CLASS WORK AND, MORE  
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IMPORTANTLY, HELP ALLEVIATE PHYSICAL SECURITY PROBLEM IN THIS  
EXTREMELY SENSITIVE AREA OF THE CHANCERY.

THE CB TEAM OF 11 MEN SHOULD CONSIST:

1-CPO BUILDER OR ELECTRICAN  
4-BUILDER/MASON  
2-ELECTRICAN  
1-ELECTRICAN WITH GENERATOR EXPERIENCE  
1-UTILITIES MEN  
2-METAL WORKER/WELDER

V. POST HOPES ALL ORDERED MATERIALS AND EQUIPMENT FOR CCC PROJECT WILL BE IN DAMASCUS WITHIN 6 TO 7 WEEKS. VAULT DOOR WITH DAY GATE IS ON SITE. POST WOULD PREFER COMMENCING CCC PROJECT WORK WITH CB TEAM FIRST WEEK IN JANUARY 1976.

VI. MARINE GUARD REQUIREMENT:

WE WOULD ALSO REQUIRE FOUR (4) TDY MARINE SECURITY GUARDS FOR APPROXIMATELY ONE MONTH PERIOD TO MAN TEMPORARY SECURITY POST TO BE ESTABLISHED WHEN RAISED SECTION OF EMBASSY ROOF IS DEMOLISHED AND DURING RECONSTRUCTION OF REINFORCED CONCRETE ROOF SURFACE TO SURROUNDING LEVEL.

VII. ACTION REQUESTED:

THAT AN ELEVEN MAN CB TEAM AND FOUR MARINE SECURITY GUARDS AS DESCRIBED ABOVE ARRIVE IN DAMASCUS IMMEDIATELY AFTER JANUARY 1, 1976.

EARLY CONFIRMATION OF THEIR ARRIVAL DATE IS REQUESTED IN VIEW OF EXTREMELY TIGHT HOTEL SITUATIONS. RSO FULLY CONCURS THIS REQUEST.

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